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REMARKS

In order to be fully responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-11, for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants traverse the requirement, as it is believed that the Examiner will have to examine the same art whether considering the apparatus or the method claims. In view hereof, applicants do not believe that there is a "substantial burden" on the examiner to maintain all of the claims in the same application. Applicants therefore request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of the claims in this application.

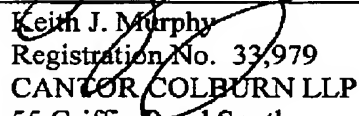
Applicants note the Examiner's paragraph 5 in the office action, however, are aware of no statutory requirement or regulation requiring Applicants to number the claims of an application for patent in the United States. Moreover, Applicants are aware of no discussion in the MPEP purporting to require such. If the Examiner relies upon authority for this request, Applicants respectfully request they be informed of that authority.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the instantly submitted amendment, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

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